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"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."
—George Putnam.

More Power For Us

North Santiam canyon gets an electric outlet. President Truman recently signed into law funds for the construction of a Bonneville substation located in Lyons. Without this substation the canyon would be very much like a house all wired, with the single exception—no outlets for appliances.

Industrialist and farmer alike hail the arrival of the substation as a green light on balanced development of the canyon. Once Detroit dam rises to that stage of completion where travel over it becomes a daily occurrence, then new areas of logging will be opened up. The increased pace of logging will be met head-on and handled by the new Bonneville power source at Lyons. This fact alone means more gainfully employed men and women.

Now that power in good supply will soon pour into this area, civic bodies can turn their energy towards wooing new industries which naturally seek out favorable sites for plants. Low-cost power looms big in any manufacturer's budget and not much arm-twisting is necessary once such power is assured.

Farmers can soon freely install heavier irrigation pump motors and add more electrically driven equipment on their farms. Life will be less burdensome when dependable low-cost power is available at the flick of a switch in the farm home, barn or out-building. Chicken houses and farm buildings soon can be brilliantly lighted and heated through the use of clean and efficient electricity. Losses of tiny livestock in harsh winter weather can be held thereby to a minimum. Farmers can operate farm-size feed grinders and mix their own stock feed.

A dignified mining industry can develop in the canyon with the arrival of surging low-cost power. Electric power makes possible and simplifies the processing in this area of ore found in the Elkhorn and Rock Creek country. Mining operations have been conducted on a very limited scale because of the excessively high cost of such operations in the past.

Many solid and prominent citizens carried through their desire for a Bonneville substation in Lyons. The Lyons substation, to many of these citizens, means opportunity and a "new lease on life" for the North Santiam canyon. This power outlet is the first step in weaning the young economy of this area away from the apron strings of "mother" forest products. Logging alone, at present, is a defective balance wheel which might fall apart again as it has in the past.

Often it is said that progress comes only by sheer sacrifice upon the part of many individuals. That may be the way of things today, and certainly it has been so regarding the struggle for the Santiam Valley substation at Lyons, but it need not be so in the future. God provides the wonderful flow of water which tumbles restlessly towards the Pacific Ocean. The citizens of these great United States, through their duly constituted government, are creating the means whereby this vast hydro force can be harnessed for the general welfare of the entire nation.

There is not one sound reason why these citizens should not enjoy also this magnificent natural resource in the fullest measure. The Lyons power outlet is the golden opportunity for this community. We have little doubt regarding the decisions citizens will make regarding use of the substation once they are made fully aware of the facts.

Editorially we commented several weeks ago that unless our canyon had a Bonneville power outlet, power generated by Detroit and Big Cliff generators most certainly would be used elsewhere. With a deep sigh, we now know this cruel state of things will not come about. We too, can have a slice of this strong, steady and dependable current.

The situation for the future is now one where the North Santiam river will work for those in this area who have long enjoyed its beauty and spirit. The fine part about this future picture is that the beauty and strength of the stream will not be diminished, but rather enhanced by the appreciation of it by more and more newcomers. Our thanks bounds out in all directions to Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon for his able assistance in getting the Santiam Valley substation at Lyons for us.

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Editorial Comments:

PEACE ON A SHOESTRING?

Which is more important: the tons of steel poured into armaments or the ideas that can help to free the world from the threat of war? The question is hypothetical, for at this juncture of human affairs both ideas and armaments are necessary. But it suggests a query as to why legislators are willing to vote billions of dollars for weapons to destroy men's bodies while boggling at a few millions for truth-telling agencies to free men's minds.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has lopped \$22 million more from the Voice of America funds after the House had already reduced by \$30 million the \$115 million asked by the President. It is right and proper that Congress should insist on the best possible use of every dollar that goes into the United States information program, but it is startling to have it undercut the whole program so drastically.

The amount lopped off the Senate committee is roughly equal to the cost of five B-36's. Does this represent the relative value of bombs and ideas? Only last week David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America, declared after a visit to Europe that the Voice of America needs a vastly increased appropriation if it is to wage effective "psychological peace fare." The Russians, said Mr. Sarnoff, are doing "the best propaganda job."

America's truth campaign needs to be expanded rather than contracted. One immensely fruitful activity would be a radio and leaflet campaign directed toward the morale of the 400,000 Soviet troops in East Germany. Yet what chance is there of venturing into such new fields if even the present Voice is to be cut down to a whisper? We trust the voice of common sense will cause the Senate to reconsider the action of its appropriations committee. — From Christian Science Monitor.

IRANIAN IMPASSE

Premier Mossadegh of Iran is in the pathetic plight of a man riding a tiger. He dare not get off and can't get where he wants to go by staying on. In all probability Dr. Mossadegh wants to reach an agreement with the British which would keep British

technicians in the oil fields and the Abadan refinery. But he so far committed himself to seizure of Anglo-Iranian company property along with Iranian petroleum resources when he came to power that now it is difficult for him to make any rational settlement without risk of assassination by some of his own followers.

That is the situation in which Richard Stokes, leader of the second British delegation to Teheran, has concluded this useless to carry on further negotiations. His initial proposal was essentially a reasonable one—that the National Iranian Oil Company set up an operating agency to continue production, and that it sell oil for export to a British distributing organization on a basis of equal shares in net profits.

The Iranians seem not to have come forward with any counterproposal, but have rejected also Mr. Stokes' alternative of employing a British manager to assure technical efficiency. In this Dr. Mossadegh has obtained again a vote of confidence from his Parliament, but apparently many members hoped he would continue negotiations.

Even departure of the Stokes mission does not mean that negotiations cannot be resumed in some manner or after pressure of lack of oil revenues has become even more severely felt in Iran.

Meanwhile in Bucharest the Cominform Journal calls for a "mass movement" to direct Iranian "liberation" into antiwestern channels, which signifies an evident Communist desire to take over.

It is not at all likely that Iran will receive any better offers for its oil than it has refused, and any return from Russia would be much slower and much less. Under the circumstances Great Britain cannot do less than prepare to defend the Abadan oil refinery if necessary and hope that the Iranian Government will yet somehow recapture the ability to come to reasonable terms.—From Christian Science Monitor.



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